

# Solo Leveling

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JUST AS ESIL HAD WARNED ME, THE DIFFICULTY LEVEL GREW EXPONENTIALLY HIGHER STARTING WITH THE 90TH FLOOR.

THERE WERE MANY MORE MONSTERS GUARDING THE CASTLE, AND ALL RANKED HIGHER THAN THE DEMONS I HAD BATTLED ON THE LOWER FLOORS.



EVEN THOUGH I INCREASED MY INTELLIGENCE STAT, THE BATTLES HAVE TAKEN A HUGE TOLL ON MY MANA...

...BECAUSE MY SHADOW SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY DESTROYED AND REGENERATED



REGENERATED.

97TH FLOOR


THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
I GOT PAST THE 90TH  
FLOOR DUE TO PURE  
LUCK, THOUGH.

[LEVEL: 90]

HE  
DEFEATED THE RICADO  
CLAN, WHICH IS THE FIFTH  
MOST POWERFUL CLAN, AND  
WENT ON TO DEFEAT THE  
FOURTH MOST POWERFUL  
CLAN, PEITOS, AS  
WELL...

ARE ALL HUMANS  
AS STRONG AS YOU,  
J...JINWOO?






UH... THERE  
ARE MAYBE  
ONE OR TWO  
OTHERS.

GO GUNHEE  
AND CHA HAE-IN.  
THEY DEFINITELY FELT  
STRONGER THAN THE  
OTHER S-RANKS.

JUST BASED ON THE  
AURA THEY EXUDED, IT  
SEEMED LIKE CHA HAE-IN  
WAS A FEW TIERS HIGHER  
THAN CHOI JONG-IN,  
WHO'S KNOWN AS "THE  
ULTIMATE HUNTER."

IN OTHER WORDS,  
THERE'S A DIFFERENCE  
IN STRENGTH AMONG  
S-RANKS.

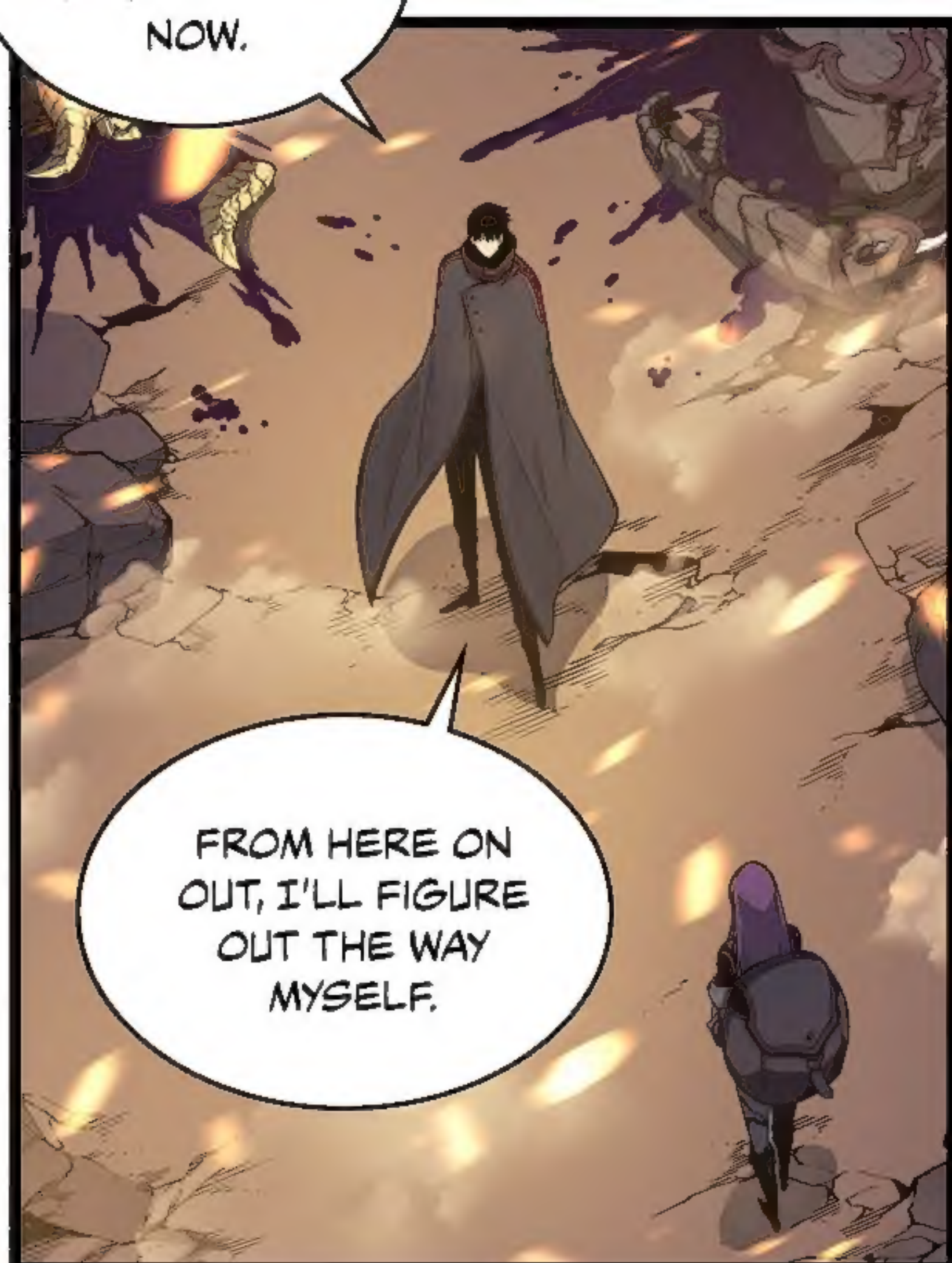
IN FACT, THE  
DIFFERENCE MAY BE  
EVEN GREATER THAN THE  
DIFFERENCE AMONG OTHER  
RANKS, SINCE THE MANA  
LEVELS OF S-RANKS CAN'T  
BE MEASURED.



I THINK I MIGHT'VE BEEN  
ON THE SAME LEVEL AS  
MR. GO IN THE PAST, BUT  
NOW THAT I'VE CLIMBED  
ALL THE WAY UP HERE,  
THINGS MIGHT BE  
DIFFERENT.

YOU  
CAN GO BACK  
DOWNSTAIRS





NOW.

FROM HERE ON  
OUT, I'LL FIGURE  
OUT THE WAY  
MYSELF.

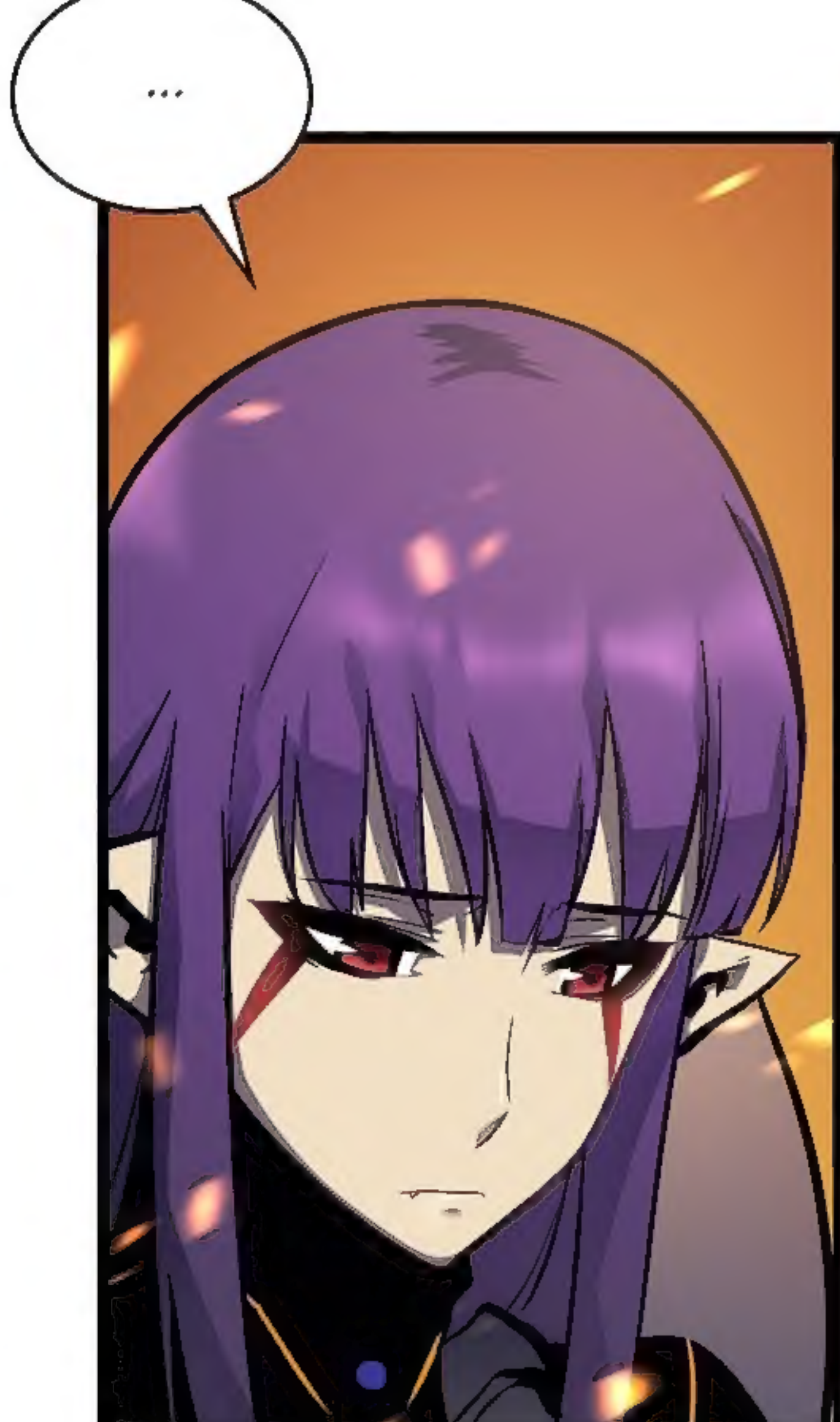


WHAT?

A, AM I...

...NOT USEFUL TO  
YOU ANYMORE?









NO, I'M GOING  
WITH YOU.



I WANT TO  
SEE...

...WHAT YOU  
CAN ACHIEVE.

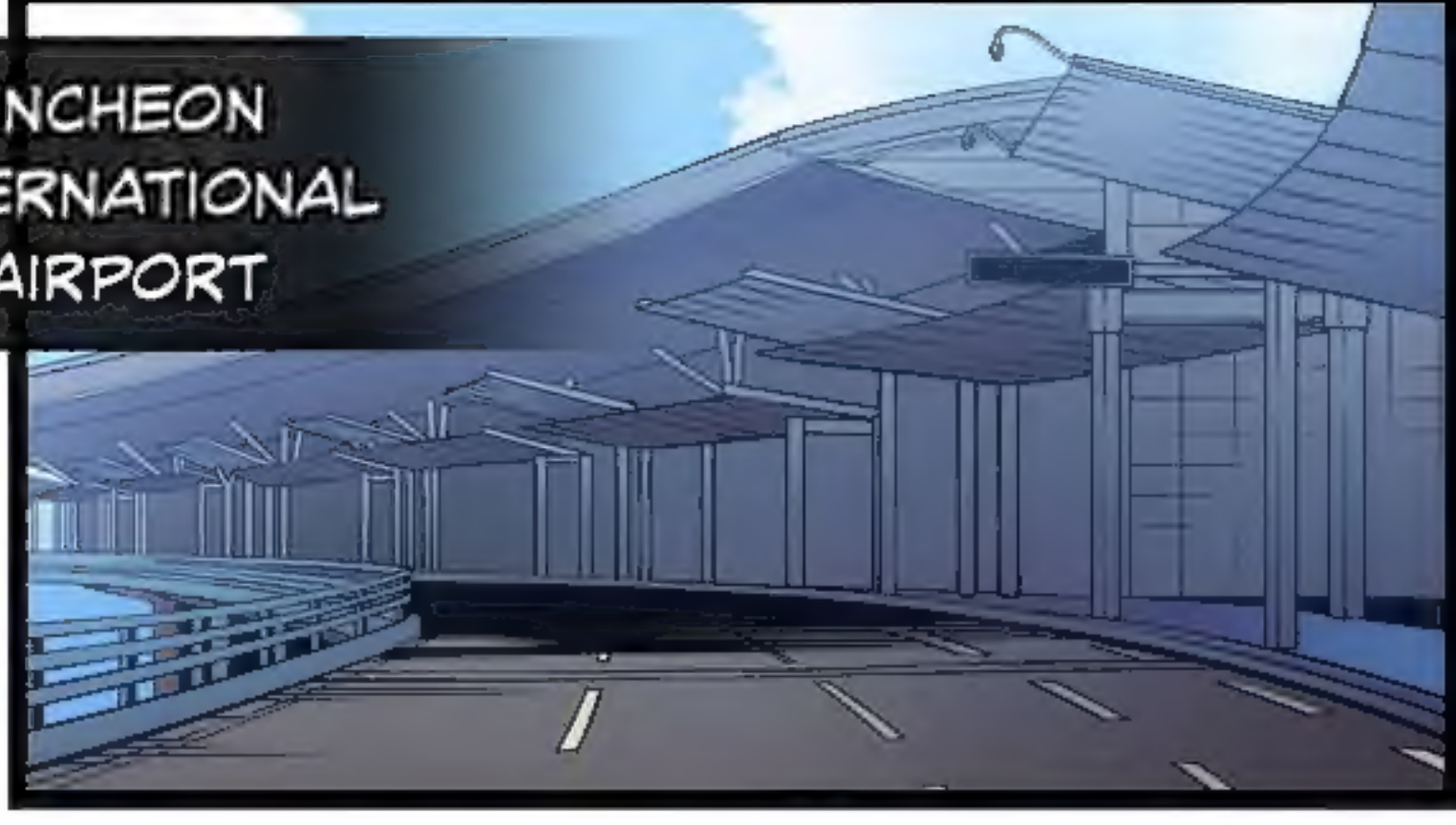




[YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE 98TH FLOOR.]



INCHEON  
INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT




WHAT'S  
WITH ALL THE  
COMMOTION?\*



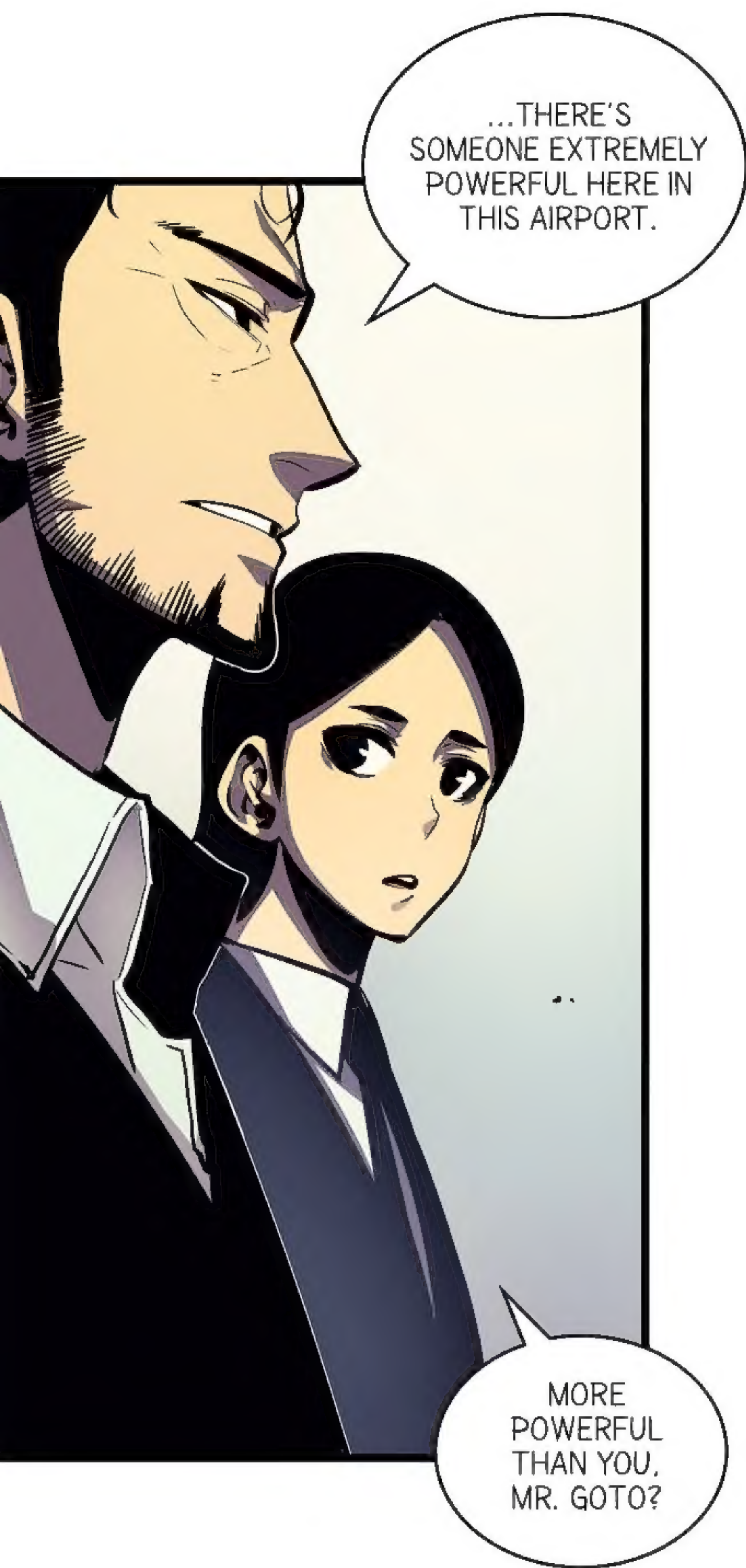
S-RANK HUNTER  
*GOTO RYUJI*





\*The speakers are talking in Japanese.









## AN AMERICAN HUNTER...?

I WONDER IF  
HE HAS ANYTHING  
TO DO WITH THE  
RECENT EVENTS.

THIS WAY,  
PLEASE.

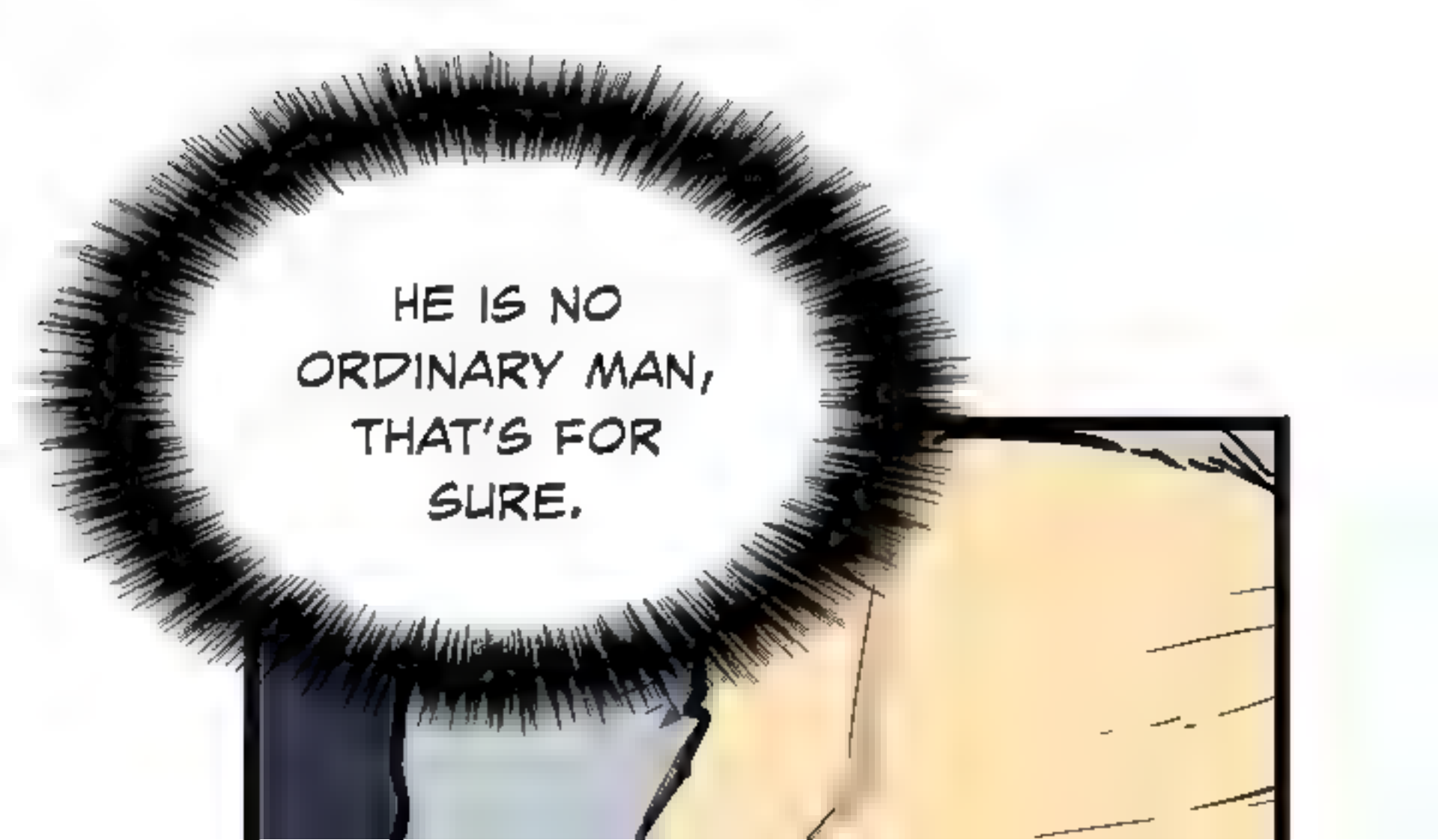




SO THIS  
MAN IS...



THE ONLY HUNTER IN  
ASIA THAT CAN STAND  
ON EQUAL FOOTING  
WITH LIU ZHIGANG.



HE IS NO  
ORDINARY MAN,  
THAT'S FOR  
SURE.





THERE ARE CURRENTLY  
21 S-RANK HUNTERS IN JAPAN,  
AND 11 OF THEM ARE MEMBERS  
OF THE SAME GUILD AS GOTO  
RYUJI, THE BLADE GUILD.



拔劍

UNLIKE SOUTH KOREA,  
WHERE THERE ARE FIVE  
MAJOR GUILDS COMPETING  
AGAINST EACH OTHER, A  
SINGLE GUILD HOLDS ALL  
THE POWER IN JAPAN.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT  
GOTO RYUJI'S GUILD IS THE  
SECOND LARGEST IN ASIA.  
THE LARGEST IS A  
CHINESE GUILD.



HELLO, MY NAME  
IS HANEKAWA AND I  
AM MR. GOTO'S  
INTERPRETER.



I WILL BE RELAYING  
MR. GOTO'S WORDS  
TO YOU.

DUE TO THE RECENT  
DISASTROUS EVENTS,  
WE HAVE COME TO THE  
CONCLUSION THAT  
JEJU ISLAND CAN  
NO LONGER BE  
NEGLECTED.



THAT SAID, WE  
PLEDGE TO GIVE  
KOREA OUR FULL  
SUPPORT.

THEIR FULL  
SUPPORT?







LET ME GET  
STRAIGHT TO THE  
POINT. THE REASON  
I'VE COME HERE IS  
BECAUSE...



...I WANT TO FORM A  
UNITED STRIKE SQUAD  
COMPOSED OF ONLY OUR  
TOP-RANKING HUNTERS.  
WHAT DO YOU THINK  
ABOUT THIS IDEA?



A UNITED STRIKE  
SQUAD?!



YOU  
WANT TO CREATE AN  
ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO  
ATTACK THE ANTS AT  
THEIR BASE CAMP?

YES, EXACTLY.



I KNOW  
THAT JAPAN'S  
TOP HUNTERS ARE  
EXTRAORDINARY.

HOWEVER,  
ATTACKING JEJU ISLAND,  
THE HEART OF THEIR  
COLONY, IS JUST TOO  
DANGEROUS.

AS WE ARE DEALING  
WITH AN S-RANK GATE,  
WE'VE PREPARED A  
STRATEGY.

STEP

THESE ARE THE  
FILES DOCUMENTING  
THE DATA WE'VE  
GATHERED ON  
THE ANTS.


EVERY SINGLE ANT  
RIVALS THE STRENGTH OF  
A HIGH-RANKING HUNTER.  
HOWEVER, THEY POSSESS  
A FATAL WEAKNESS.






A SHORT  
LIFESPAN.

THE ANTS ARE ONLY  
CAPABLE OF LIVING  
FOR ONE YEAR.



THEREFORE, IF WE CAN  
JUST KILL THEIR QUEEN,  
ALL OF THE ANTS ON  
JEJU ISLAND WILL DIE  
WITHIN A YEAR.





WE JUST HAVE TO  
ELIMINATE THEIR  
QUEEN, HUH...?

IT CERTAINLY SOUNDS LIKE  
A MORE REALISTIC PLAN  
THAN EXTERMINATING THE  
ENTIRE COLONY.

BUT IN REALITY, TRYING  
TO KILL THE QUEEN WILL  
BE AS HARD AS TRYING  
TO DEFEAT THOUSANDS  
OF ANTS.

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT  
THE ANTS WILL DIE FOR  
THEIR QUEEN?

OF COURSE, WE'LL HAVE  
TO GET PAST THOUSANDS  
OF ANTS IN ORDER TO  
CAPTURE THEIR  
QUEEN.

HOWEVER, WE WON'T  
HAVE TO BATTLE THEM IF  
WE CAN GET THE ANTS TO  
LEAVE THEIR TUNNELS.

IS THAT EVEN  
POSSIBLE?



YES, IT HAS  
HAPPENED BEFORE.  
THREE TIMES TO  
BE EXACT.

BACK WHEN  
SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS  
ARRIVED ON THE SHORES  
OF JEJU TO CARRY OUT A  
SEARCH-AND-DESTROY  
MISSION,

THE ANTS LEFT  
THEIR TUNNELS AND  
HEADED TOWARD THE  
BATTLEFIELD.

**IMPOSSIBLE!!**

THE EVENTS HAVE BEEN  
CONFIRMED BY OUR MANA  
RADARS. PLEASE REFER  
TO THE DOCUMENTS  
FOR DETAILS.





TEN OF OUR  
11 S-RANK HUNTERS,  
INCLUDING MYSELF,

ARE PLANNING ON  
PARTICIPATING IN THE  
JEJU ISLAND RAID.




WE WILL  
BE IN CHARGE OF  
DISTRACTING THE  
ANTS.


PLEASE HAVE SOUTH  
KOREA'S TOP-RANKING  
HUNTERS DEFEAT  
THE QUEEN.

THE REST OF  
MY FELLOW GUILD  
MEMBERS WILL  
ARRIVE SHORTLY.






WHAT THE, 10 S-RANK HUNTERS INCLUDING GOTO RYUJI?!



IF THE 10 S-RANK HUNTERS SUCCESSFULLY CREATE A DIVERSION, ONLY THE QUEEN AND A FEW OF HER GUARDS WILL BE LEFT INSIDE THE TUNNELS.




THIS IS THE PLAN. MY S-RANK HUNTERS WILL FIRST SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS AND ATTACK THE ISLAND FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.


THE ANTS WILL SWARM TOWARD THE SITES OF OUR ATTACKS, WHILE THE QUEEN REMAINS IN THE EMPTY TUNNELS.

THE SOUTH KOREAN S-RANK HUNTERS WILL TAKE A HELICOPTER TO JEJU AND INFILTRATE THE TUNNELS. AFTER DEFEATING THE QUEEN, THEY'LL BOARD THE HELICOPTER AGAIN TO EVACUATE FROM THE ISLAND.







IT CERTAINLY  
SOUNDS LIKE A  
PLAUSIBLE  
PLAN.



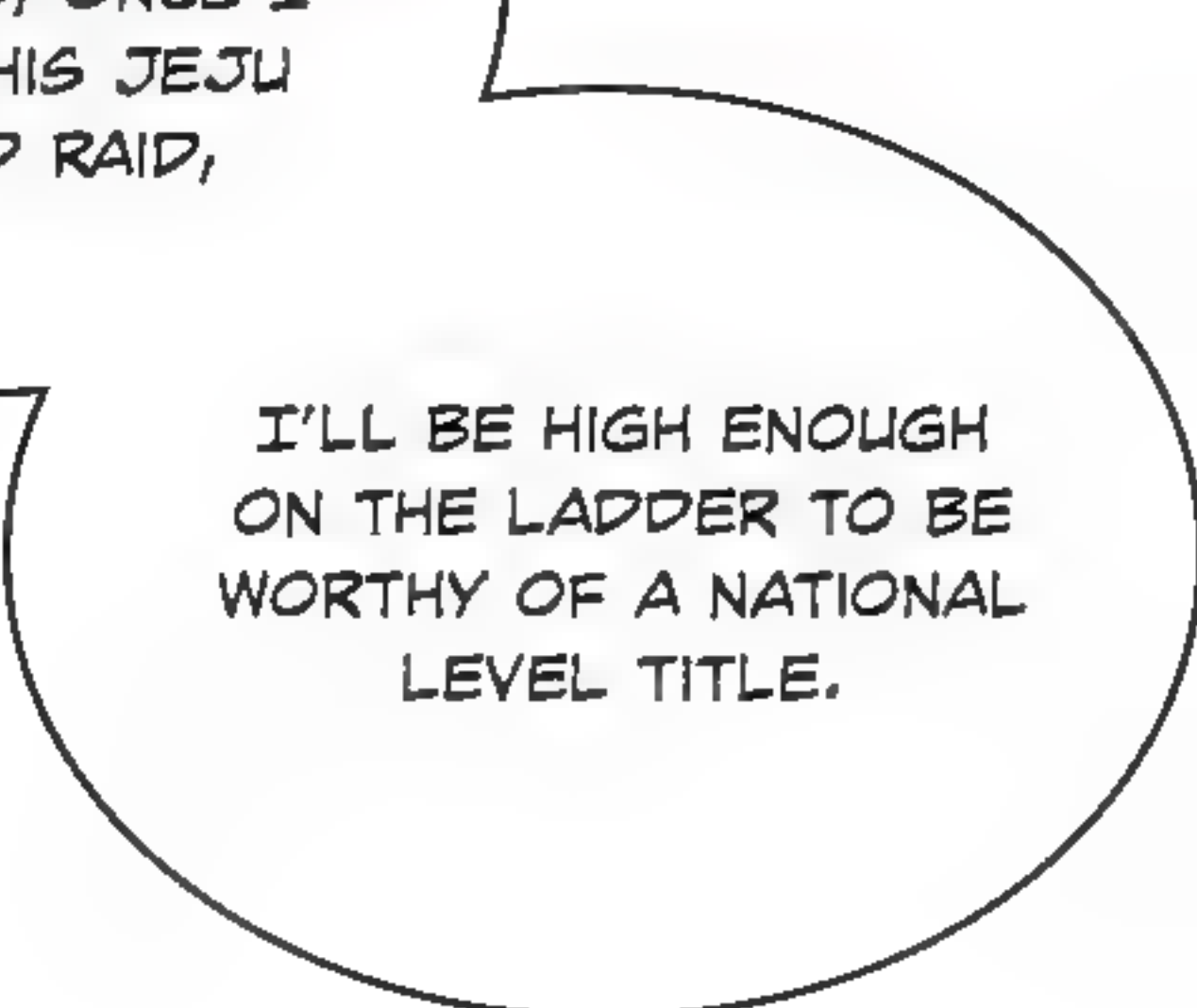
BUT WHY IS GOTO RYUJI  
WILLING TO MOBILIZE 10 OF  
HIS GUILD'S S-RANKS  
FOR THIS RAID?!



ALL NATIONAL LEVEL  
HUNTERS HAVE RAIDED  
S-RANK GATES  
BEFORE.



CONSIDERING MY  
PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE  
RECORDS, ONCE I  
FINISH THIS JEJU  
ISLAND RAID,



I'LL BE HIGH ENOUGH  
ON THE LADDER TO BE  
WORTHY OF A NATIONAL  
LEVEL TITLE.



OBTAINING A NATIONAL  
LEVEL HUNTER TITLE  
WILL BE ENOUGH OF A  
GAIN FOR JAPAN.

THIS IS AN S-RANK  
GATE WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT, SO I'VE  
CAREFULLY SELECTED  
10 S-RANKS TO  
PARTICIPATE.

I MUST  
MINIMIZE THE RISK  
FACTORS.

THE SOUTH  
KOREANS HAVE NO  
GOOD REASON TO  
DECLINE MY  
OFFER.

SIGH

THIS ISN'T THE MOST  
RIGHTEOUS WAY OF DOING  
THINGS, BUT IN ORDER TO  
BECOME A NATIONAL LEVEL  
HUNTER, I HAVE NO  
OTHER CHOICE.







UNLIKE JAPAN,  
THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT  
S-RANK HUNTERS IN  
KOREA,

AND OUT OF THOSE  
EIGHT, ONLY SIX ARE  
REALISTICALLY CAPABLE  
OF PARTICIPATING IN THE  
RAID, AS I AM TOO OLD  
AND MIN BYUNG-GU  
HAS RETIRED.

FLIP

THIS STRATEGY  
WOULD NOT BE  
POSSIBLE WITH JUST  
THE HUNTERS IN  
SOUTH KOREA.

THE REAL QUESTION IS...  
ARE WE EVEN CAPABLE OF  
DEFEATING THE BOSS OF  
AN S-RANK DUNGEON...?

WILL WE  
BE ABLE TO  
DEFEAT THE  
QUEEN?

SUNG JINWOO DEFEATED THE  
BOSS OF AN A-RANK GATE ALL  
BY HIMSELF, SO IF HE WERE  
TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE  
OTHER S-RANK HUNTERS, WE  
MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE!



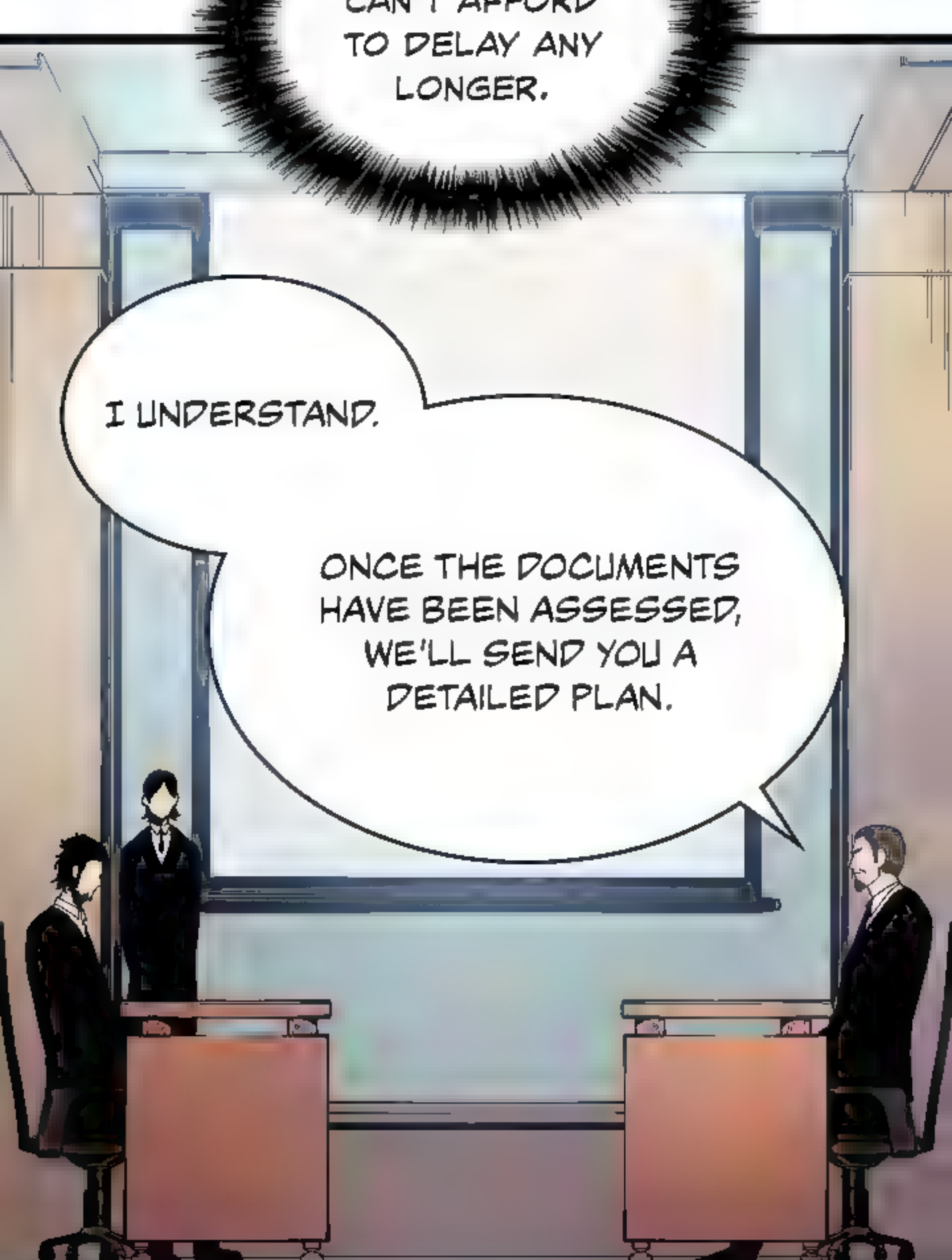
THE ANTS  
ARE EVOLVING  
QUICKLY.

THEIR ENTIRE ARMY  
MAY ACQUIRE THE  
ABILITY TO TAKE  
FLIGHT SOON.

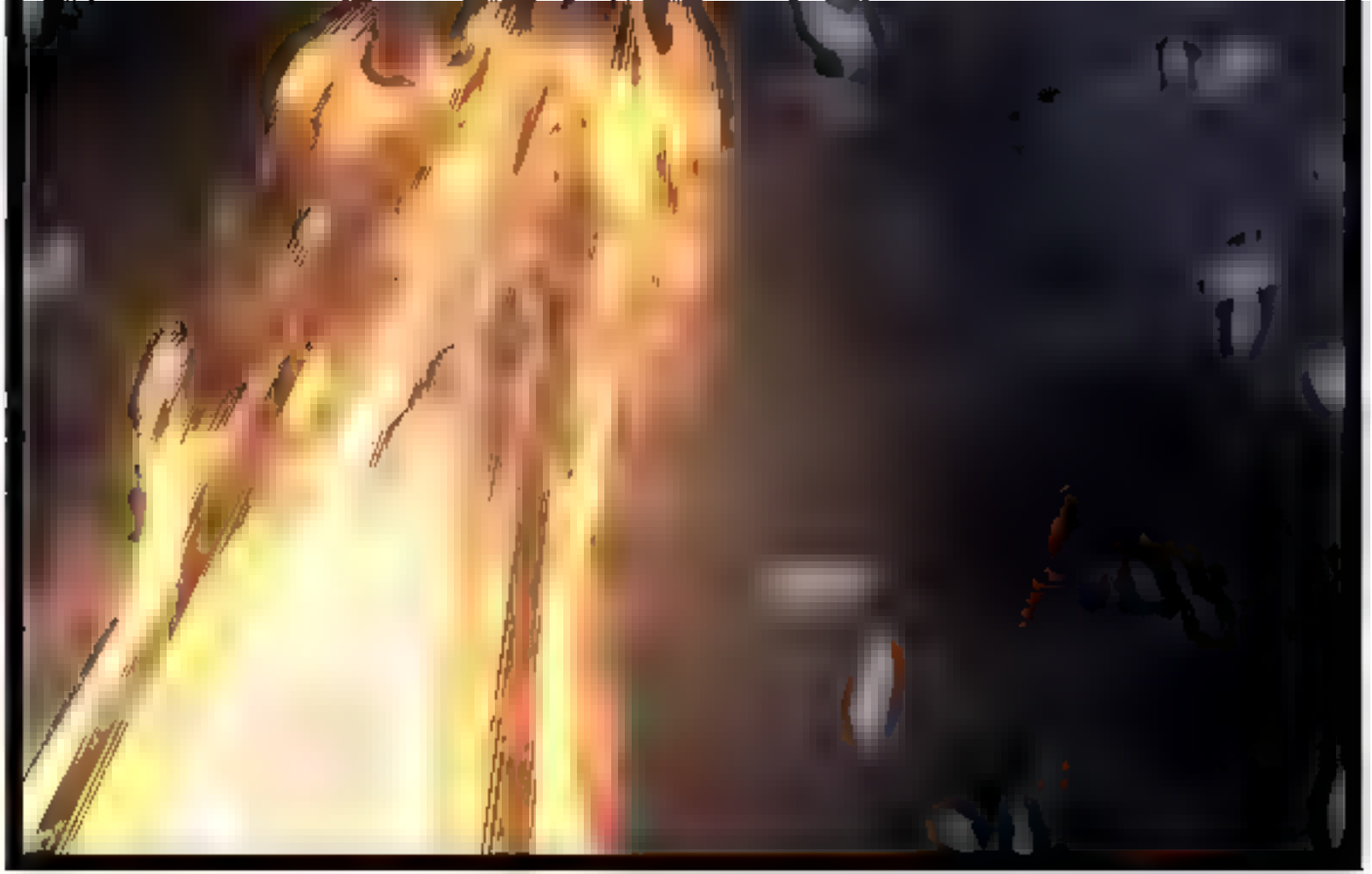
WE  
CAN'T AFFORD  
TO DELAY ANY  
LONGER.

I UNDERSTAND.

ONCE THE DOCUMENTS  
HAVE BEEN ASSESSED,  
WE'LL SEND YOU A  
DETAILED PLAN.











THIS IS THE  
100TH FLOOR.













WILL I BE  
ABLE TO...



...DEFEAT THIS  
MONSTER?!



## BLADE

- ASIA'S SECOND LARGEST GUILD.
- 11 GUILD MEMBERS ARE S-RANK HUNTERS.
- BECAUSE THEY ARE A LARGE GUILD, UPON REQUEST, MEMBERS ARE ALSO DISPATCHED OVERSEAS TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNMENTS.







To Be Continued...

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